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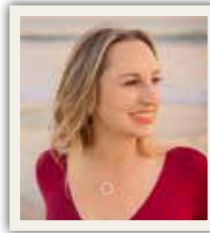
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|| LETTER TO RESIDENTS ||

## Hello Cambrian,



**Michele Anderson**

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of Cambrian Living &  
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**F**irst, I'm absolutely thrilled that we're shining a spotlight on our incredible content coordinator and her family. It's truly a moment to celebrate all the work and dedication she's poured into our magazines and community. I couldn't be more grateful for her contributions, and what better time to showcase a family as remarkable as hers!

As I'm planning a little getaway for our next vacation, can you believe we're already in the middle of summer? June always seems to fly by so fast. Now that the kids are out, July feels like the perfect time to unwind, spend those precious moments with family, and truly appreciate the beauty of the month.

There's something magical about July, isn't there? Whether it's lounging by a pool or beach on a lazy day or going on a spontaneous adventure with loved ones, July is all about savoring the sweetness of summer.

And let's not forget about the 4th of July – a time for fireworks, barbecues, and celebrating the spirit of freedom and unity. It's a day to come together and enjoy the simple pleasures of being with those we love.

So wherever this July takes you – whether you're exploring new places or enjoying the comfort of home – I hope you take the time to find joy, connection, and relaxation in every moment.

Here's to a fabulous July!

*Michele Anderson*

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# Meet the Kings

BY **STEPHANIE KING**

(WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE KING KIDS!)

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**F**or the past three years I have had the absolute honor of working as the content coordinator for *Cambrian Magazine*. I have collaborated with so many of our readers to tell their story. However when my editor, Michele Anderson, asked me if my family would like to be featured, I was a bit hesitant. My process of interviewing, compiling a story, and working with families to put out an article that best represents them wouldn't

quite translate to telling my family's story. How would I interview myself? I was out of my comfort zone—until I remembered telling the King's family story meant the opportunity to collaborate with my favorite people: my husband and kids.

So, for the sake of this article, I interviewed my three daughters (Harper-age 8, Hazel-age 5, and Waverly-age 4) with some added narrative from my husband Jerry and me. Through this process I have gained a new appreciation for what all our Cambrian families go through during our family feature interview process!

I hope you enjoy our story as much as I have enjoyed all of yours over the years!

## How did Mom and Dad meet?

**Harper:** I have no clue when but you guys were both friends with Uncle Weency and he brought you two together. All I know about your wedding is that it was on a beach.

**Waverly:** What answer do I have to do

**Stephanie:** Jerry and I met when we were

fifteen. We were set up by our mutual friend Vince, who our girls now refer to as Uncle Weency. The three of us went to see *Blair Witch Project* (I am absolutely dating myself here) and Jerry and I started dating shortly after. Six months later we broke up. Vince told us we needed to figure out how to get along post-breakup because he didn't want to choose sides. If push came to shove, he would choose neither of us. Nervous about losing his friendship, Jerry and I begrudgingly agreed to get along. But there was always a spark still there, despite years of claiming we were just friends, dating other people, and living in other states. In 2012 the timing was just right and Jerry took a shot at reconnecting romantically (with his most romantic speech to date, delivered at a bar and including references to tofu and backpacking). We married in 2015 in an intimate ceremony at Pajaro Dunes with Vince serving as best man!

## What do Mom and Dad do for work?

**Harper:** Mom teaches English in college and Dad works for Rivian





*Hazel:* Dad learns about cars and mom teaches people

*Waverly:* Mom works for work and Daddy's job is working

*Stephanie:* I graduated from Archbishop Mitty in 2002 and went to University of Nevada, Reno as a Journalism major. I quickly discovered that a large university wasn't for me and after dabbling in the animal welfare job sector, I went back to school and graduated from Notre Dame de Namur with a bachelors and masters degree in english. Foothill Community College hired me fresh out of grad school and I have been there ever since! Currently I teach both English and journalism, while also working on various committees aimed to support disproportionately impacted student groups. I also work part time as the content coordinator for this magazine, which allows me the opportunity to practice my passion for journalism!

*Jerry:* I graduated from Mountain View high in 2003 and started working in the automotive industry. I was with BMW for seven years and have been with Rivian for three. Currently, I am pursuing an engineering degree as well.

#### **Tell us about Mom and Dad's hobbies?**

*Harper:* Uh, I don't know. Mommy likes to go on hikes and spend time with her girls. Daddy likes to work on cars and spend time with us.

*Hazel:* Mommy likes to garden and Daddy golfs

*Waverly:* Watch TV and do work

*Stephanie:* Jerry and I have always bonded over our love of the outdoors. Hiking especially became a favorite hobby of ours during the pandemic (to date, Land of Medicine Buddha in Aptos and Castle Rock in Saratoga are our favorite local hiking spots). We love doing things off the beaten path! Any given weekend we can be found in our ever expanding veggie garden, at a farmers market, or attending a local festival. We also enjoy volunteering with



the girls school or their extracurriculars. This last year Jerry coached Harper's AFC team and next year I will be leading Harper's Girl Scout Troop and volunteering for Project Cornerstone at Holy Spirit. Oh, and we have a soft spot for wild things in need--it's kind of our "brand." Over the years we have rescued many injured birds (including a baby turkey injured by our own dog!), tadpoles, and caterpillars. We work hard to instill compassion for all creatures in our girls.

#### **What do you like to do/do you have any special talents?**

*Harper:* I like to horseback ride. One of my special talents is singing. I like swimming, soccer, Girl Scouts, and my friends. When I grow up I want to be a horseback rider.

*Hazel:* I like to play with my sisters and do fun stuff like go to Olive Garden. I want to be a bunny vet when I grow up.

*Waverly:* Watch my Ipad and gymnastics and I also like going to school. I want to be an astronaut when I grow up and take my

family on my rocket ship. Did Hazel say she wanted to go on my rocket ship?

*Stephanie:* All three girls will be attending Holy Spirit in the fall (Harper in 3rd, Hazel in kinder, and Waverly in TK). For the first time ever we will only have one school drop off! While our three King kiddos have all done well academically, we are most proud that they all have proven to be compassionate. We tell them often they can be whatever they want, except mean. All three are kinder souls than we even raised them to be! Harper is the oldest daughter through and through and is consistently looking out for her younger sisters. Hazel is sweet and sensitive and loves being fancy. Waverly has a penchant for chaos (we are trying to help her channel this energy into gymnastics), yet still finds time during the day to be a little snuggle bug.

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### What are some interesting stories about your family/family traditions?

**Harper:** So we went on a hike and we found a puddle and the puddle had a bunch of tadpoles and we scooped them all up and saved them. We put them in a pool in our backyard until they turned into frogs. So we also got a caterpillar, well we had a ton of them and we put one in a jar and we waited for him to turn into a monarch butterfly and then we released him.

**Hazel:** When we all went shopping together at the mall and mom bought us toys and stuff.

**Waverly:** Go to the farmers market and I get to pick out stuff

**Stephanie:** My two favorite family traditions are sparkle and farkle and feast of several fishes. Sparkle and farkle is a game we play at dinner time, where we go around the table and everyone tells the highlight of their day (sparkle) and the low point of their day (farkle). We also started a feast of several fishes every Christmas eve. Italian tradition is feast of seven fishes, but we usually just include three or four seafood options (including fish sticks for the kids).

### What are some family vacations you have taken?

**Harper:** To the beach house and the cabin (Pajaro Dunes and Truckee). We went to the Great Wolf Lodge and are going to Hawaii this summer

**Hazel:** We haven't went anywhere on vacation

**Waverly:** We went on a trip for my birthday to Great Wolf Lodge and swimmied in the pool.

**Stephanie:** My family has a condo in Pajaro Dunes and cabin in Truckee and we try to visit both at least once a year. We also have large extended families and friends who live out of state and often find our travel is centered around weddings. We've been to Oregon, Nevada, Alaska, and Chicago for family events. This summer we are going to Kauai for my 40th birthday and hope to take the kids to Disneyland this fall.

### Tell me about your pets

**Harper:** We have two dogs. One of them is crazy and the other one is nice. They are Augustus and Daisy. We got Gus from Utah and Daisy from Mexico. Daisy was living on the streets. We also have a ton of fish and used to have a hamster but he died (RIP Otter!).

**Hazel:** I love our pets a lot! Daisy and Gus Gus. Daisy is so pretty and I love my sweet little baby Gus too!

**Waverly:** We only have Gussy (giggles) and fuzz.

**Stephanie:** We are massive animal lovers and always opt for adoption when possible. We adopted Daisy from 4dogsfarm, a Bay Area rescue that transports adoptable dogs from Mexico. Daisy was found on the streets alone when she was a month old. We took one look at her picture and knew she was meant to be ours! The rescue figured she was a golden mix, however a DNA test would prove she did not have a drop of golden in her; instead she is some amalgamation of husky, poodle, cocker spaniel, chihuahua, and half a dozen other breeds. Daisy is the world's best hiking buddy and very protective over her girls. Augustus is a PBGV who we adopted from a Utah rescue group. Prior to Gus, we had a PBGV who was my soulmate pet. When he passed, the opportunity to rescue another male PBGV presented itself, and 18 hours and a trip to Utah later Gus was all ours! He is still very much a puppy and quite the scaredy-cat. But at least he is cute!

### Family Motto

**Harper:** "How dare you!" because Hazel says it all the time!

**Hazel:** "What was your farkle and sparkle?"

**Waverly:** "Only in the bathroom we could talk about potty words"

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BY COURTNEY BRAUNSTEIN  
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# 7 NOODLES & SIZZLING RESTAURANT:

*The Richness of Taiwanese Culture With a Commitment to Healthy Eating*

BY STEPHANIE KING



**7** Noodles & Sizzling Restaurant, located in the heart of Cambrian, is dedicated to providing their patrons with all the flavors of Taiwan while also focusing on healthy eating. Established in 2023 by owners Liu and Monica, 7 Noodles draws inspiration from Taiwanese street food, including traditional ramen, cooked in their signature cast-iron plates. Not only is their food delicious and authentic, but 7 Noodles' story is an inspiration. "Thirty years ago, at the age of 45, Liu's mother Helen came to the United States to pursue graduate studies," states owner Monica. "Later, she assisted her two sons and daughters-in-law in immigrating to the United States and welcomed the arrival of two grandsons. At one point, seven people lived in a cramped 1,000-square-foot house, enduring challenging days. With the passage of time, life gradually improved. However, life is unpredictable, and in 2021, Liu's mother passed away suddenly in her sleep, leaving the entire family in shock. The restaurant is named 7 in her memory. Although the divine and humans are forever separated, her spirit will always be with us." Helen was a pillar in her community and

worked as a family therapist. She dedicated her career caring for others, especially the elderly. Liu and Monica honor Helen through their food and focus on community at their restaurant.

Liu and Monica are well versed in the restaurant industry. In 2009 they opened their first establishment, Sushi Infinity. From there they opened restaurants, Niji Sushi and Ocha Tea in 2017. Inspired by their favorite dishes at their establishments, Liu and Monica opened 7 Noodles, eager to share their food with their Cambrian community.

"Our philosophy is simple," Monica says. "We blend the richness of Taiwanese culture with a commitment to healthy eating. Our focus is on crafting great soups with chewy noodles, providing comfort and nourishment in every bowl. With a concise menu, we aim to make our offerings accessible and enjoyable for everyone, inviting all to savor the flavors of Taiwan and fall in love with our dishes."

Thirteen years ago, Liu and Monica moved to Cambrian. They were initially drawn to the area because of the schools, but soon fell in love with the community. "We chose to create a small noodle shop in the nearest location

from our home" Monica recounts. "Through this small shop, we hope to welcome everyone when they are hungry and need a quick and nutritious dinner, or when they need a moment for family gathering, offering a great choice right near home. We opened the shop with the intention of giving back to the community, hoping to attract customers from different areas to get to know Cambrian."

One of Monica's favorite memories at 7 Noodles was one busy Wednesday lunch shift where almost every patron knew each other through work connections. The patrons, despite working for different companies, were all acquaintances. It was such a community experience that at the end everyone took a group picture!

When they aren't at the restaurant, Liu and Monica enjoy spending time with their teenage sons, William and Brian. William has recently taken on a leadership role with VEX robotics while Brian earned a spot on the Branham varsity tennis team. Monica and Liu consider themselves lucky to not only own a restaurant, but also raise their sons in their Cambrian community!

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